

HOUSE BILL 4189

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 16 and Title 37, relative to not publishing names of minors in appellate court decisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 3, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

16-3-822.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the administrative office of the courts shall redact the name or initials of any minor whose name or initials appear in any appellate court decision prior to publishing the opinion on the Internet. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a minor who is a defendant in a criminal case.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008 and shall apply to any opinion published on or after that date, the public welfare requiring it.